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SUBJECT: SATURN AIRWAYS ARMS DELIVERIES TO UPPER VOLTA

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING ARMS SHIPMENT
DETAILED IN REF B. SATURN WAS INFORMED IN MARCH (REF A)
THAT DEPARTMENT FORESAW PROBLEMS SHOULD US CARRIER HANDLE
THESE ARMS SHIPMENTS. USG POLICY OF NEUTRALITY ON MALI/
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UPPER VOLTA DISPUTE, INCLUDING ARMS EMBARGO, REMAINS

UNCHANGED.

2. DEPARTMENT AND DOD UNAWARE OF ANY SATURN REQUEST FOR "CLEARANCE, THESE FLIGHTS, AND DEPARTMENT CLEARLY WOULD NOT ISSUE LICENSES FOR EXPORT OF ARMS TO UPPER VOLTA FROM US.

3. SHOULD NATURE SATURN SHIPMENTS BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN USG POLICY REGARDING EXPORT OF ARMS TO UPPER VOLTA AND MALI. MOREOVER, UNDER APPLICABLE US LAWS AND REGULATIONS IF THESE ARE US MANUFACTURED ARMS, ONCE EXPORTED FROM US THEY MAY NOT BE RE-EXPORTED TO ANY DESTINATION NOT SPECIFIED IN THE EXPORT LICENSE WITHOUT USG APPROVAL. YOU COULD, HOWEVER, POINT OUT THAT USG HAS

LITTLE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER SUCH RE-EXPORT TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN CASES INVOLVING OLDER US MANUFACTURED WEAPONS WHEN THE US ITSELF IS NOT POINT OF ORIGIN FOR SHIPMENT AND WHEN SUCH TRANSFERS ARE NOT BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION.

4. FYI. SATURN, OAKLAND, HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT RECENTLY, ON TWO ATTEMPTS, ALGERIA DENIED ENTRY INTO ITS AIRSPACE BY SATURN FLIGHTS IN QUESTION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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